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For: PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE FIBERS WITH A REINFORCING MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

-- Preferably, such adhesive articles are tapes that include gauze pads, for example, and are used as first aid dressings (i.e., wound or surgical dressings). The adhesive articles can be in the form of a wide variety of other medical articles, such as medical tapes, athletic tapes, surgical drapes, or tapes or tabs used in adhering medical devices such as sensors, electrodes (as disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,215,087 (Anderson et al.), and U.S. Pat. No. 6,171,985 (Joseph et al.), for example), ostomy appliances, or the like. Adhesive articles of the present invention can also be in the form of a variety of sheeting products (e.g., decorative, reflective, and graphical), removable labels, coupons, masking tapes, tapes or tabs used in adhering diapers, packaging, food storage containers, etc. They can be used in tamper-indicating applications, particularly if upon stretching, the adhesive articles do not recover their original shape. Preferred embodiments, however, are medical articles such as those described in Applicants' Assignee's